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FOR STOESSEL FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, DR. HENRY A), CA

SUBJECT: EUROPEAN CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING

REF: STATE 231853 NOV 26

1. IN RESPONSE REFTTEL, PLEASE MAKE TWO SUBSTITUTIONS IN  
EMBASSY'S ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT STATE US-CANADIAN  
RELATIONS TRANSMITTED OTTAWA 2417 OCTOBER 9:

A. REPLACE SUMMARY WITH NEW PARAGRAPH AS FOLLOWS: "DESPITE  
SOME STRAIN CAUSED BY ENERGY SHORTAGES AFFECTING BOTH  
COUNTRIES IN SOMEWHAT SIMILAR MEASURE, THE CURRENT STATE  
OF US-CANADIAN RELATIONS IS GOOD, REFLECTING CLOSE COMPATI-  
BILITY OF INTERESTS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUN-  
TRIES ON MOST MAJOR INTERNATIONAL AND BILATERAL ISSUES THE  
HIGHLY FAVORABLE CANADIAN REACTION TO YOUR MEETING WITH  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER SHARP IN NEW YORK AND THE PROSPECT  
OF ANOTHER MEETING FOR A MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION OF  
BILATERAL ISSUES HAVE CREATED A POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE  
IN CANADA AND AN EXPECTATION OF CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT  
OF RELATIONS. THE RECENT EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN  
PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU AND THE PRESIDENT ON ENERGY  
MATTERS IS ONLY THE MOST RECENT CONFIRMATION OF THE  
PRESENT GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN BEING "A GOOD NEIGHBOR."

B. REPLACE SECTION B (BILATERAL) 1.A. WITH NEW PARAGRAPH  
AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUITE. ENERGY SUPPLY AND SHORTAGES. AS  
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INDICATED EMPHATICALLY IN TRUDEAU'S LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

AND INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE MINISTER GILLESPIE'S  
SPEECH IN NEW YORK CITY NOVEMBER 14, THE CANADIAN GOVERN-  
MENT HAS DECIDED THAT ITS FRIENDSHIP AND TIES WITH THE US ARE MORE  
IMPORTANT THAN ITS RELATIONS WITH AND DEPENDENCE ON THE ARAB OIL-  
PRODUCING STATES. GILLESPIE SAID PUBLICLY THAT CANADA-US FRIENDSHIP  
IS "NOT UP FOR RANSOM." CANADA WILL, UNDERSTANDABLY, DO ITS  
BEST TO USE ITS OWN ENERGY RESOURCES IN WAYS DESIGNED TO MINI-  
MIZE INCONVENIENCE AND INJURY TO ITS OWN CITIZENRY AND ECONOMY  
FIRST, BUT ITS POLICY IS ALSO TO ACCOMMODATE ITS US CUSTOMERS  
AS MUCH AS IT CAN. EACH COUNTRY IS OF COURSE DEPENDENT UPON  
THE OTHER FOR SOME ENERGY SUPPLY, COAL GOING NORTH AND OIL,  
ELECTRICITY AND GAS SOUTH OF THE BORDER. CANADA'S GENERAL POLICY  
RECENTLY HAS BEEN TO MANAGE MORE RESTRICTIVELY THE DEVELOPMENT,  
PROCESSING, AND EXPORT OF ITS NATURAL RESOURCES, MINERALS  
AS WELL AS FOSSIL FUELS, AND TO ENSURE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES AND  
RESERVES TO MEET ITS OWN CURRENT AND FUTURE REQUIREMENTS.  
END QUOTE.  
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